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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS-PHOSPHATES

REF: A. GENEVA 4619

B. GENEVA 4851 (NOTAL)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH PHOSPHATES EXCLUDED FROM FORMAL  
RESOLUTION ON INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS, UNCTAD  
SECRETARIAT ALLEGES AFRICAN GROUP BELIEVES THERE WAS INFORMAL  
UNDERSTANDING CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD. BOARD PRESIDENT  
KNOWS OF NO SUCH UNDERSTANDING. MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP EARLY  
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NEXT WEEK WHEN UNCTAD SYG RETURNS FROM TOKYO. U.S. MISSION

SEES NO NEED FOR CONCESSION ON PHOSPHATES AT THIS TIME BUT BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER POSITION IN FUTURE IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.  
ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION OR COMMENTS ON SUGGESTED POSITION REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, BY SEPTEMBER 17. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL THRUST OF AFRICAN EFFORTS ON COMMODITIES AT THIRTEENTH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB XIII) WAS TO INCLUDE IN SYG TIMETABLE REMAINING TWO COMMODITIES (COFFEE AND PHOSPHATES) WHICH WERE DESIGNATED AS FIRST PRIORITY BY AFRICAN GROUP IN ANNEX A OF RES 7 (VIII) OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES. ISSUE BECAME HIGHLY POLITICAL AND WAS MADE MATTER OF PRINCIPLE BY AFRICAN GROUP WHICH MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, MAIN TARGET WAS COFFEE.

2. AS REPORTED GENEVA 4619, UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAD HOPED INCLUSION OF PHOSPHATES WOULD ASSIST IN SOLVING COFFEE PROBLEM AND ALLOWING INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS TO BEGIN. GROUP B WILLINGNESS GO ALONG WITH THIS APPROACH TOOK STEAM OUT OF PHOSPHATE QUESTION AND SPOTLIGHTED COFFEE EVEN MORE. FINAL RESOLUTION EXCLUDED PHOSPHATES REPORTEDLY BECAUSE AFRICANS DECIDED ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE PUT ON SAME PLANE (GENEVA 4851).

3. IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL DECISION ON PHOSPHATES, U.S. DEL ASSUMED COMMODITY EXCLUDED FROM CONSULTATIONS. MISSION THEREFORE SURPRISED WHEN INFORMED BY DIRECTOR OF COMMODITIES DIVISION (CHIDZERO) THAT IT UNDERSTOOD BY ALL AND ESPECIALLY AFRICANS THAT PHOSPHATES WILL BE INCLUDED IN TIMETABLE NOW UNDER PREPARATION. MISOFF SAID HE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING REACHED ON PHOSPHATES AND RESERVED U.S. POSITION ON GROUNDS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND OFFICIAL RECORDS CLEAR PHOSPHATES DROPPED. SAID U.S. HAD AGREED INCLUSION PHOSPHATES ONLY AS WAY OF BREAKING DEADLOCK, CLOSING LIST FOR PRESENT AND OBTAINING UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON TIMETABLE. THIS IS NOT RESULT THAT WAS ATTAINED. CHIDZERO EXPRESSED CONCERN EXCLUSION PHOSPHATES COULD REOPEN WHOLE ISSUE WITH AFRICAN GROUP AT FUTURE MEETINGS BUT NEVERTHELESS AGREED NOT CIRCULATE AIDE MEMOIRE UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK WHEN HE HAS HAD CHANCE TO DISCUSS MATTER SYG AND TDB PRESIDENT (STAEHELIN-SWITZERLAND). MISOFF SPOKE TO STAEHELIN  
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WHO AGREES WITH U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF STATUS OF PHOSPHATES.

4. AS MEANS OF PLACATING DISSIDENT LDC'S UNCTAD SECRETARIAT CONTINUES STATES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF TIMETABLE DOES NOT PREJUDICE CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER COMMODITIES. THUS, CONTINUED PRESSURE IS LIKELY BE EXERTED ON GROUP B (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES TO ADD NEW COMMODITIES. GROUP B DOES NOT WANT ANY ADDITIONS AND INSISTS ITS AGREEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY OTHER COMMODITY

ADDED. ON PHOSPHATES, FORMAL AFRICAN POSITION (AS STATED IN REPORT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE) IS THAT SYG SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENDEAVOR TO SECURE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO REASON TO AGREE ON PHOSPHATES AT THIS TIME SINCE SUCH AGREEMENT UNLIKELY EASE PRESSURE FOR INCLUSION YET OTHER COMMODITIES. WE SHOULD OF COURSE BE READY TO RECONSIDER OUR POSITION IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING, FOR EXAMPLE, IF NEED ARISES LATER TO MAKE SOME SORT OF FURTHER EFFORT OR IF MATTER OF PHOSPHATES WERE MADE MAJOR ISSUE BY AFRICA.

5. WASHINGTON SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT REST OF GROUP B IN FACT WAS PREPARED-LIKE U.S. PER REF C-TO ACQUIESCE IN INCLUSION PHOSPHATES IF THIS WOULD BREAK IMPASSE WHICH CENTERED ON COFFEE. MOREOVER, IN CONTEXT OF PLENARY STATEMENT CONCERNING E DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE ON COFFEE, U.S. NOTED GROUP B HAD TAKEN POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD EVERY PROPOSAL SERIOUSLYADVANCED DURING TDB XIII CONCERNING COVERAGE OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS. THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR IN TDB REPORT BUT LIKELY BE IN SUMMARY RECORDS AND MIGHT BE CITED AS EVIDENCE B ACCEPTANCE OF PHOSPHATES. ANSWER TO THIS, WE SUGGEST, IN THAT B STATEMENT WAS IN CONTEXT OF EFFORT B HAD MADE TO BREAK DEADLOCK WHICH AT THAT MOMENT CENTERED ONLY OF COFFEE, VIZ REMOVAL OF PHOSPHATES FROM TEXT L/336 REV 1 PRESENTED TO PLENARY FOR ADOPTION.

6. MISSION RECOMMENDS WE ADOPT ABOVE POSITION FOR DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK WITH SYG. DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION OF FOREGOING OR COMMENTS REQUIRED, IF POSSIBLE, BY SEPTEMBER 17.BASSIN

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